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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF DR. LEON SULLIVAN

FROM PARSKY TO AMBASSADOR AKINS

1. DR. LEON SULLIVAN, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS (OIC), INCORPORATED, IS CONSIDERING A TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA EITHER IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WOULD BE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING OIC ASSISTANCE TO SAUDI ARABIA IN THE AREAS OF PRE-VOCATIONAL ATTITUDINAL TRAINING AND OTHER VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

2. OIC IS A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATES A SERIES OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE (PRIMARILY UNDER CONTRACT TO AID) TO A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ASIDE FROM HIS AFFILIATION WITH OIC, DR. SULLIVAN IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MANPOWER ADVISORY COUNCIL AND IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GENERAL MOTORS.

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3. DR. SULLIVAN HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE SAUDI FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THE ROLE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IN THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AREA. PRIOR TO HIS TRIP HE WOULD PLAN TO MEET WITH SENIOR TREASURY AND LABOR OFFICIALS AND MAJOR U.S. CORPORATIONS WITH OPERATIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA. DURING HIS VISIT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE OIC CONCEPT WITH SAG OFFICIALS AND U.S. BANKING AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EITHER WORKING THROUGH AMERICAN BASED COMPANIES IN SAUDI ARABIA OR WORKING DIRECTLY FOR SAG MINISTRIES.

4. DR. SULLIVAN IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO BRING WITH HIM A PARTY OF THREE. PREFERRED DATES FOR THE TRIP ARE 13-22 JANUARY OR 3-13 FEBRUARY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY ASCERTAIN IF THE APPROPRIATE MINISTERIAL LEVEL SAG OFFICIALS (PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING) WOULD BE WILLING AND AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH DR. SULLIVAN. INGERSOLL

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